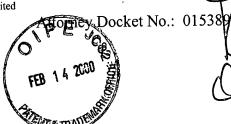
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In re application of: Morin, et al.

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For: MOUSE TELOMERASE REVERSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 13, 1999 for one month, from January 13, 2000 to February 13, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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